

October 17, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

LMST Choir is beginning! Our first meeting is Thursday, Oct. 19th during lunch hour, so all members should be prepared to bring their lunch that day, and every Thursday. Choir is a program offered by LMST and is open to anyone in Grades 4-6 who wants to discover the joys of singing in a large group. The choir will have two concerts, maybe more.

Participating in choir requires a commitment from your child. If they would like to be part of the choir we are asking for a one year commitment. Your support with communicating this with your child is appreciated.

I am pleased to announce that this year will be welcoming Jack Bennet as the new Choir Director! Jack began developing his choral leadership in Mozambique, as the Guest Organizer and Director for the *Manda Wilderness Choir Festival*. Back in Halifax, in 2013 he founded *Emergency Choir Operation*, and in 2014 helped to found *VOX: A Choir for Social Change*. In the spring of 2017, Jack graduated Dalhousie University with a B.A. Honours with Distinction in both Music and Sustainability, where he studied conducting under Christina Murray.

Today, as an emerging conductor in Nova Scotia, Jack is the Artistic Director of the *Phoenix Community Choir*, the musical lead for *The Big Sing*, and the Principal Conductor for *Polaris* and *Spira* - groups that form *Choirs for Change*, a new society that has been founded in 2017. He also sits as a member of the Nova Scotia Choral Federation's Board of Directors.

Mme Cavanaugh/ Mr. Miller or another teacher will be present during choir practice. To ensure student safety, attendance will be taken. In order to make choir run smoothly, from time to time, we will be asking for parent volunteers for field trips and concerts.

Thank you,

Jeffrey Miller

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If interested, please fill out and return to school

My child \_\_\_\_\_ is interested in being a member of the LMST choir. I have discussed the commitment involved in being a member of the LMST choir with my child. Signed:

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